

**CHAPTER NO. 583**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2182**

**By Womack**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2725

By Pleasant, Hargett, Davidson

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5003, relative to the definition of a professional license.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:


SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-5003(11), is amended by deleting subdivision (11) in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following new language:

(11) "Professional license" means the teaching license awarded after satisfactory completion of three (3) years as an apprentice teacher, and after receiving a positive evaluation from the teacher's local education agency, or the license awarded to teachers licensed before July 1, 1984, seeking re-entry into the profession; provided, however, that any teacher employed as a probationary teacher for one (1) year and as an apprentice teacher for two (2) years shall be deemed to have met the three (3) year apprentice requirement.

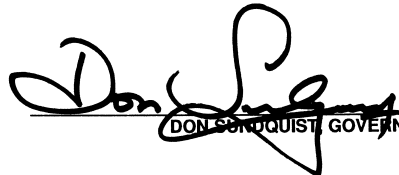
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: March 2, 2000**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 10th day of March 2000**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR